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ACCORDING TO LOCAL PETROLEUM SOURCE CONOCO HAS
DISCONTINUED ITS DRILLING OPERATIONS IN EASTERN
NIGER WHICH PRODUCED A DRY HOLE AND HAS MOVED ITS
EQUIPMENT BACK TO CHAD. AT SAME TIME CONOCO HAS
NEGOTIATED THREE YEAR EXTENSION OF ITS CONCESSION
IN NIGER, THIS TIME WITHOUT COMMITMENT TO DRILL.
PRICE TAG FOR EXTENSION WAS \$750,000.

COMMENT:

OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT CONOCO HOLE DRILLING OPERATION
NEAR N'GUIGMI WAS PREFUNCTORY EXERCISE UNDERTAKEN TO
FULFILL TERMS OF CONOCO CONTRACT WITH NIGER. WITH SHUT
DOWN OF CONOCO OPERATIONS OIL EXPLORATION BY AMERICAN
COMPANIES IN NIGER HAS COME TO A STAND-
STILL FOR TIME BEING.HECK

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